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Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
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House No. HB1132  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to denying TennCare coverage to persons who refuse health insurance coverage through an employer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d), IF a person who is an eligible recipient and is receiving health care benefits through the TennCare program is employed by an employer who provides health insurance coverage to its employees; and

IF such person is eligible for, is offered, and neither the employee nor an employee's dependent would be denied health insurance coverage through the employer based on a pre-existing condition, but such employee refuses such insurance coverage;

THEN the employer shall notify the bureau of TennCare of such fact.

(b) The employer shall provide to the bureau the employee's name, address, social security number, the date the employee was hired, and the date the employee refused insurance coverage offered by the employer.

(c) Upon receiving such information the bureau of TennCare shall notify the employee in writing that such person is no longer an eligible recipient under the TennCare program and that such person's TennCare coverage will cease within fifteen (15) days from the date the bureau notifies the employee of such person's ineligibility.

(d) If the employee is eligible for medical assistance as an eligible recipient under another federal program, then the requirements for denial of eligibility for TennCare coverage shall be governed by the law, rules and regulations applicable to such federal program, and the provisions of this act shall not apply to such person.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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